



Aging and Adult Services - Public Guardian Senior Affairs Commission

SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present:

- David Wilder
- Linda Titus
- Sue Yoakum
- Jane Jarlsberg
- Penny Shubnell
- Jim Welte
- Maricela Ferguson
- Marge Simpson
- Heather Lopez

Guests Present:

- Melissa Eickman, Registrar of Voters
- Eva Zamora, Inland Caregivers Resource Center

DAAS/OPG Staff Present:

- Sharon Nevins, DAAS Director
- Larry Maldonado, Area Planner
- Emily Bernal, Staff Analyst II
- Cesar Bernal, Administrative Supervisor II
- Richard Chudanski, Staff Analyst II
- Christopher Locascio, Staff Analyst II
- Heather Granger, MSSP Supervisor
- Lillian Aguilar, Supervising SW
- Ruben Padilla, Supervising SW
- Briana Ribota, Public Guardian
- Hector Ortega, SW II
- Veronica Plascencia, Intern
- Maria Ramirez, Intern
- Crystal Duarte, Intern
- Vanessa Gonzalez, Intern
- Yvonne Mackey, Senior Info. & Assistance
- Gabriel Quiroz Luarte, Office Assistant II

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

- Linda Titus called the Senior Affairs Commission meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Jim Welte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- The President of the Senior and Disabled Fund of San Bernardino County informed the department is in breach of contract. The contract says reimbursement occurs within 60 days, and they have not been reimbursed. Fiscal was notified of bank account information four months ago. There are up to \$40,000 in owed bills.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion: January minutes not approved due to a lack of a quorum.

4. PRESENTATION: Melissa Eickman, Registrar of Voters

- Melissa Eickman gave a presentation from the Register of Voters. She presented on new Ballot Marking Devices, Electronic Rosters, How to Vote for President with the New Changes, and Registration Updates.
- Ballot Marking Devices – one can mark their choices, print it and walk it to the ballot box. There will only be two in every voting place.



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- It was asked, how does someone know where to place their ballot if they are visually impaired? A poll worker can assist and them to input their ballot. Regarding privacy, people are provided with headphones to vote if visually impaired.
- Electronic Rosters allows voters to update any information in real time as people can fill them out on a tablet. They also have the standard way to vote through the paper ballot.
- Voting for President – Voters who register with a political party in the primaries, will receive a ballot with that party's presidential candidates on it. What if your ballot does not have presidential candidates on it? They can request a partisan ballot for one of the other political parties. Voters who register with a party but want a different party's presidential candidates can change their party at the polls.
- Registration Updates – Previously registered voters can still change their address or party until 8:00p.m. election night. They can change it at an early vote site or polling place by completing the form.
- If anyone has any questions, contact the Registrar of Voters Hotline at (909) 387-2100.

5. SAC CHAIR'S REPORT: Linda Titus

- Linda Titus introduced new appointees. Joanna lavello has been appointed for the 4th District. Daniel Burke is an At Large appointee for a two-year term. Denise Benton is an At Large appointee with a four-year term. Heather Lopez is a RCA designee.
- David Wilder updated the appointed roster.
- It was announced that the Deputy Director Nancy Olsen is currently on Jury Duty.
- The Chair defined the following terms:
 - Assembly refers to members on California State Legislator (CSL) such as Sue Yoakum, Jane Jarlsberg, and Floyd Biggs.
 - Author of a bill is defined as the member of the legislature who introduces the legislation measure.
 - COLA is defined as Cost of Living Adjustment.

6. DAAS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Sharon Nevins

- Sharon Nevins gave the DAAS Director's Report.
- Long Term Care Services has met and is looking at recommendations being made for the Master Plan on Aging.
- Final recommendations that will go to the governor for the Master Plan on Aging will take place on October 1, 2021.
- Research Committee decided more data needs to be developed to help different organizations for older adults and adults with disabilities communicate.
- Director of California Department of Aging (CDA), Kim McCoy Wade presented at the Inland Empire Disability Collaborative. Fifty-eight members attended. After her presentation, she spent the afternoon with DAAS staff and SAC chairperson.
- Additional funding was received for Senior Nutrition. The Department requested CDA give an extension to utilize the funds. This allows the Department to plan for funding. Bonnie Baker requested a vehicle to help with home delivered meals.



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- Bloomington site was closed due to safety concerns in the building. People were redirected to alternative congregate meal locations to receive services. The Department has been working with IEHP to expand services in the Bloomington area.
- Next Thursday is "Capa Today". The meetings with the Legislature is in the afternoon, but they are considering modifying the schedule because it is becoming difficult to meet with the legislature.
- The governor passed a Fall Prevention bill. As an AAA, we received \$143,000 for fall prevention. The Department will continue to work with Public Health for fall prevention services.
- The Department is applying to be designated by CDA as an emerging Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC). Eight ADRC's will be re-designated.
- San Bernardino County participated in the Point In-Time-Count Plus. The Department worked with the Department of Behavioral Health to identify and house seniors who were homeless. They identified twenty-nine seniors and housed them along with three additional families.
- It was requested to remove the Deputy Director's Report from the agenda.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- None.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 minutes each)

A. ACCESS COMMITTEE

- David Wilder reported on Transit Authority visits. It was recommended for the public to visit a local transit authority meeting. The decisions they make have an impact on seniors. The technical advisory committee in Victor Valley makes the decisions. All TACC meetings are open to the public. Regarding senior transportation, the Redlands Senior Center has educated other centers on how they obtained transit vehicles for seniors.
- Regarding Housing, the committee has heard many problems with Inland County Legal Services not taking cases regarding Housing issues. On March 4th, David Wilder will meet with the Executive Director of Inland County Legal Services to address complaints, suggestions and recommendations.
- Next meeting is March 11th at 11:00am, Conf. Rm. B.

B. HEALTHY AGING COMMITTEE

- Penny Shubnell reported the commissioners had a discussion on the March "Did You Know", (DYK) on Vaping. Please distribute the DYK to seniors, grandchildren, parents and children. This has become an increasing health concern with children, adolescents and adults.
- Next meeting is March 18th at 11:00am, Conf. Rm. B



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C. INTERGENERATIONAL COMMITTEE

- Jane Jarlsberg reported Inland County Resource Center and Kinship had an event in March. The deadline for proposing new legislation was this month. The commissioners will continue to track certain bills and proposed legislation. The Legacy Subcommittee, focusing on intergenerational activities of the commissioners in SAC. There was also a discussion on the importance of participating in and advertising participation with the Census.
- Next meeting is March 18th at 10:00am, Conf. Rm. B.

D. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

- Maricela Ferguson reported California State Legislator members reminded everyone to attend the Area Plan meeting at the West Valley RCA on February 21. There was a brief discussion and update on the Master Plan on Aging. Every SAC member should be on the Master Plan on Aging committee email lists and attend the webinars.
- Next meeting is March 11th at 1:00pm, Conf. Rm. B.

E. NUTRITION COMMITTEE

- Lib Koenig was not present. Linda Titus gave the report on her behalf and said commissioners had completed several nutrition-site visits.
- Next meeting is March 11th at 10:00am; Conf. Rm. B.

9. REGIONAL COUNCILS ON AGING (RCA) REPORTS (3 minutes each)

A. COLORADO RIVER RCA

- Terry Conway is ill. Has not been able to have a meeting or provide a report.

B. EAST VALLEY RCA

- Public meeting on Area Plan. Title IIIB was covered, but some seniors wanted more information on Title IIIC. They are collaborating with other senior centers to move the meeting to a different senior center in East Valley each month.
1st Thursday of the month.

C. MORONGO BASIN RCA

- Jane Jarlsberg reported the Area Plan visited the Yucca Valley senior center. About 20 people attended; many people from the Haven group attended. It was stated that there is a need for a food distribution program.
- 4th Thursday of the month.

D. MOUNTAIN RCA

- Shelly Arons is resigning for medical reasons and is not present today. Penny Shubnell informed everyone that they may determine a new RCA chair at their next meeting tomorrow.



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E. NORTH DESERT RCA

- Charles Marlett was not present; however, Sue Yoakum read his report on their meeting.
- The senior center sponsored a time capsule project to commemorate 2019. Some of the items were earthquake related items.
- Senior ABA Transportation program is operational with a total of 20 senior trips, and 2,906 miles were made in January.
- 48 households and 97 people received food. February 12, Senior Citizen's breakfast served 15 people.
- It was encouraged for people who attend the Area Plan meeting to comment.

F. VICTOR VALLEY RCA

- Linda Titus reported that the Area Plan was presented at the RCA meeting. It was announced that more Area Plan informational meetings would take place. Homelessness seems to be a big issue occurring regardless of age. The Area Plan will present its last meeting at the West Valley RCA on Friday February 21. CDA is allowing the Department to condense some information on the Area Plan.
- Second Tuesday of March 10th 9:30am

G. WEST VALLEY RCA

- Gwen Alber was not present, but Sue Yoakum reported on her behalf. At the meeting, they had a Valentines Craft Party where over 100 Valentines were made and donated to the VA hospital. The Area Plan will be presented at the Montclair Senior Center on Friday. At the next meeting, Sue Yoakum will give a presentation on universal design and housing choices to address concerns about aging in place.
- 1st Tuesday of the month 10am Montclair Senior Center

10. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- It was announced to remember to vote and remind others to vote.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Maricela Ferguson announced the problem with the CSL meeting occurring the day after Mother's Day.
- It was announced under the Area Plan, 45 CFR 1321 paragraph 1321.57C, the area agency shall submit the plan for amendments to advisory council before state approval. In the past, the commission monitored the Area Plan through the quarterly reports.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- It was suggested that a co-housing speaker be invited to attend an Access Meeting.



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13. NEXT MEETING:

- Presentation - TBD
- Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020; 1:00 p.m.
- Location: 784 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino Conference Room A.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- Linda Titus adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Requests for reasonable accommodations should be made by contacting Daisy Figueroa at the Department of Aging and Adult Services at 909-891-9076 and referring to the Senior Affairs Commission meeting.